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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN REQUEST FOR EXIM EXTENSION

REF: STATE 101410; STATE 106333

1. EMBASSY ECON OFFICER RAISED SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING EXIM CLAIM (REFTELS) WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR BUDGET IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE. UNDER SECRETARY RECOGNIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CLAIM IN THE ECONOMIC CONTEXT AND ALSO NOTED THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF PRES. KAUNDA'S VISIT TO THE U.S. (THE UNDER SECRETARY, LLOYD SICHILONGO, WILL BE PART OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY.)

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ECON OFFICER, SICHILONGO PLACED A CALL TO THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE BANK OF ZAMBIA. HE EXPLAINED THE SITUATION EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NCCM LINE OF CREDIT AND ASKED FOR REMITTANCE OF THE AMOUNT DUE TO J. GERBER AS SOON AS POSSIBW. HE WAS ASSURED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE REMITTED ON TUESDAY, MAY 2.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES BANK FULLY INTENDS TO APPROVE REMITTANCE

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ON MAY 2 BUT THERE MAY BE A FEW DAYS DELAY. IN ANY CASE, WE WOULD EXPECT APPROVAL BY END OF NEXT WEEK. STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT AND EXIM CONSIDER THIS ANTICIPATED ACTION AS ASSURANCE THAT FUNDS WILL BE REMITTED AND REMOVE CONSIDERATION OF THE CLAIM AS IMPEDIMENT TO APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF NCHANGA FACILITY. DEPARTMENT AND EXIM SHOULD NOTE THAT ACTION BY BANK OF ZAMBIA SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A NEW DECISION TO REMIT FUNDS BUT RATHER

AS A DECISION TO PUT THE CLAIM AHEAD OF OTHERS ALREADY IN THE
QUEUE. NORMAL REMITANCE WAITING TIME AVERAGES ABOUT 15 MONTHS.
THE GERBER APPLICATION HAS BEEN IN FOR ONLY 12 MONTHS.
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